GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE FOR COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has asked for early environmental clearances for public and private sector coal blocks to boost coal production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals pending with the Government for issuing environmental clearances in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the pending proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Coal India Ltd. has requested the Ministry of Environment & Forests to expedite the process of environmental clearance.

(c) & (d) The number of coal projects pending for environmental clearance is 29, of which 4 projects have been recommended for environmental clearance and in respect of the remaining 25 projects, clarifications sought by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Thermal & Coal Mining) are awaited.

(e) The project proponents have been advised to prepare Environmental Impact Assessment Reports along with Environmental Management Plans to satisfactorily address the various likely adverse impacts on the environment so that the proposals can be expeditiously granted environmental clearance.